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NOTE—The final report on candidates for the county board nominated at the primaries will be issued a few days before election on April 4.

Additional copies of the pre-primary report may be obtained upon request at our office, 608 University Building.

Persons who expect to be out of the county may vote by mail. They may obtain ballots by applying to the County Election commission, courthouse. The applications must be made in writing and must state name and address, and reason for absence. The request for ballots must be made not more than twenty days nor less than three days prior to the election, if made by letter, and not less than one day prior to the election, if made in person. If a voter is ill at home or hospital, he may follow the same procedure, accompanying his request by a physician's affidavit.

In towns, villages and cities outside of Milwaukee practice varies with respect to other details. The safest plan is to consult the clerks of the various districts for instructions.

Polls in the city open at 6 A. M. and close at 8 P. M. Polls outside of the city open at 9 A. M. and close at 8 P. M.

All candidates will appear on the ballots as Nonpartisans.

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1st—JOHN J. CARY, (1st Ward)

*2nd—JOHN SAXER, (2nd Ward)

3rd—WM. E. McCARTY, (3rd and 4th Wards)

*4th—GEORGE MOERSCHER, (20th and 22nd Wards)

5th—LOUIS HARMS, (5th Ward)

*6th—FRED SONNENBERG, (6th Ward)

7th—JAMES P. SHEEHAN, (7th and 10th Wards)

*8th—JOS. MICHALSKI, (8th Ward)

9th—HENRY RIES, (9th Ward)

*10th—FREDERIC HEATH, (21st and 25th Wards)

11th—ALFRED J. MELMS, (11th and 23rd Wards)

*12th—MARTIN CZERWINSKI, (12th Ward)

13th—STEPHEN A. WANTA, (13th Ward)

*14th—THOMAS SZEWCZYKOWSKI, (14th and 24th Wards)

15th—HUGO O. P. FRANKE, (15th and 19th Wards)

*16th—C. C. JACOBUS, (16th Ward, the Town of Wauwatosa and the City of Wauwatosa)

17th—EUGENE WARNIMONT, (17th Ward, the Town of Lake and the City of Cudahy)

*18th—ALBERT W. FOSTER, (18th Ward, the Town of Milwaukee, the Town of Granville, the City of North Milwaukee, the Village of Whitefish Bay and the Village of Shorewood)

19th—JOHN J. MULHANEY, (the Village of West Milwaukee, The City of West Allis, the City of South Milwaukee, the Town of Greenfield, the Town of Franklin and the Town of Oak Creek.

*Terms expire April 4, 1922

REPORT ON COUNTY BOARD TO THE VOTERS OF MILWAUKEE COUNTY:

On March 21st the voters of Milwaukee county will be called upon to nominate nine candidates for election to the Board of Supervisors, and will have it in their power to determine the dominating influences in the board, and to shape its policies decisively for the next two years.

The County Board spends about \$4,000,000 annually, of which about \$3,000,000 is raised by taxation, the balance being obtained from various sources as income; but there are large expenditures that are more or less fixed and regular, including more than \$2,000,000 spent each year for the maintenance and operation of county institutions, as well as large sums for the maintenance of the courts, the sheriff's office and other departments. The work of these departments goes on with average checks and progress regardless of the complexion of the County Board, and there therefore has been a tendency to class the election of supervisors as of little importance.

MARKED CHANGE IN PROBLEMS

However, the voter should not view the coming election with indifference. There has been a marked change in the character of the leading problems before the board in the past few years. This has been due to the increase in city and county population and force of circumstances, rather than to any conscious devising on the part of the supervisors themselves. It is reflected in the great expansion of concrete road building, in plans for lighting the county roads by electricity, and in recent legislation providing the county with a metropolitan sewage disposal plan, all of which call for a high type of public service. The metropolitan sewage plan contemplates provision for growing sanitary requirements and the treatment of sewage that has polluted many creeks and rivers flowing into the lake, forming a menace to Milwaukee's water supply.

The 179 miles of concrete roads now built have linked the city with the county so closely that there has been an extraordinary increase in auto bus traffic, freight trucking and pleasure driving. This has already produced traffic congestion, notably on the Janesville road, east of Hales Corners, and on the Blue Mound road, which is soon to be doubled in width. Better policing of the county has been made possible, and there has been a big increase in the sheriff's staff and motorcycle equipment. In the direction of safety, and unity with the city, the electric lighting of the roads has been a significant development. This lighting has been installed west of the city, and is eventually to be extended to the county as a whole, supplemented by electric road traffic signals.

THE COURTHOUSE

A city referendum in 1920 favored the so-called Civic Center in a district having as its approximate hub the intersection of Eighth and Cedar streets, for the grouping of the more important public buildings. The County Board had previously voted to erect the proposed new courthouse in an administration center to be determined by the city; but two years have again elapsed, and there has been little in the handling of this enterprise since the referendum was taken to win the County Board a reputation for good service. The board has now decided upon a definite location in this civic center as a site for the courthouse, and at last accounts was wrestling with the question of how to buy land for the purpose.

The courthouse project has been discussed for twenty years, and the arguments, charges, counter-charges and deliberate obstruction resorted to, appear to have left the members of the board in a state of confusion. There has been so much delay that the needs of the various departments have become acute, both as to office and vault space, and the board is constantly making costly alterations in the present courthouse to meet the necessities of the various departments. While it may have been wise not to have begun actual building operations in the two years just past, at the same time it seems that definite conclusions ought to have been reached on the various details relative to site, acquisition of property, plans and specifications, so that, when costs justify building, there need be no further unnecessary delay.

COUNTY MANAGER

One of the important charges in county affairs in 1921 was the selection of a county manager to take the place of the County Board of Administration. The Board of Administration had five members who directed the management of the county institutions. The new plan places responsibility directly upon one man. It may be said to the credit of the present Board of Supervisors that the majority of its members have generally exercised independence of judgment in the consideration of the various problems before them. As a part of the constructive work of the board may be noted securing legislation authorizing the employment of a manager of county institutions and subsequent employment of such a manager; employment of the field auditor, further development of the budget system; authorization of two women deputies for the sheriff; construction of highways and purchase of park lands. The manager of the county institutions is giving his support to improved methods of cost accounting and centralization, for both economy and efficiency, and his work, and the fact that the County Board sponsored the legislation that led to his employment as manager, is attracting considerable attention among county boards and legislators elsewhere.

The board consistently followed up methods outlined by experts to get plans for the proposed county general hospital on the Schandein site, Grand Avenue. The plans were selected by judges representing doctors, nurses, architects and the board, and there has thus far been no evidence of the favoritism that has marked the record of county building on occasions in the past. The county and city are negotiating on the question of locating the city Emergency hospital in the new building.

In response to a request from the County Board for an outline of a building programme for the future, the former County Board of Administration listed a central heating and lighting plant; asylum for mental diseased new unit of 200 beds; Muirdale sanatorium men's cottage; modern school, with gymnasium, for the Home for Dependent Children.

An undertaking in which the city is co-operating for the creating of favorable public sentiment lies in plans to obtain the riparian rights along the lake front, north and south from the city limits, so that the frontage may be preserved for public use, drives, etc.

SOCIALISTS, NON-SOCIALISTS

Differences between the Socialists and non-Socialists in the County Board are much less marked than they were under the extreme conditions of several years ago. The non-partisans have shown greater independence and a greater desire to view questions from all angles than have the Socialists. This has prevented secret caucus line-ups, such as the Socialists resort to on partisan questions, and to a fairer transaction of business. In accordance with declarations of the Voters' League in former reports, it will not recommend for nomination or election any candidate of the Socialist party.

CIVIL SERVICE

Many members of the board still hold the old political idea that office is a means for dispensing patronage. They appear to be honest in the assertion that they are expected to pass judgment upon the qualifications of applicants for positions, even to the extent of expressing their opinions to the members of the Civil Service commission before the candidates have been examined. This has brought them into conflict with the commission on many occasions. This conflict is particularly acute now, with the commission on record as opposed to political pressure in their work.

REPORT ON CANDIDATES

Second District

JOHN SAXER, 1107 Chestnut St.; age 55; present incumbent; heating contractor twenty-two years; in board since 1912; previously supervisor 1906-10. Absent 6 out of 86 sessions; missed 37 out of 329 committee meetings. Good voting record. On account of experience, preferred over

ARTHUR H. HOLT, 1601 State St.; age 41; former saloonkeeper at 16th and State Sts.; salesman of convertible automobile bodies.

MRS. CLARA BRUEGGEMANN, 255 9th St. Socialist candidate.

Fourth District

TIMMERMANN recommended.

LAWRENCE J. TIMMERMANN, 847 37th St.; age 43; practicing attorney since 1920; was at one time in railway mail service. Believed qualified and recommended over

EMIL ENGELHARDT, 2420 Fond du Lac Ave.; age 40; baker; former painter; candidate for supervisor four years ago, and

CHARLES MEISING, 1247 36th St.; age 46; manufacturers' agent; twice a candidate for supervisor, once for alderman and once for state senate; elected to the assembly in 1920.

GEORGE MOERSCHEL, 912 37th St.; present incumbent. Socialist candidate.

Sixth District

HERRMANN preferred.

GEORGE J. HERRMANN, 648 3d St.; age 41; merchant tailor; former member of common council, where he had good voting record. Because of previous public service preferred over

LOUIS S. GREENBERG, 735 7th St.; age 27; hat salesman; former shoe salesman and clerk. Believed fairly well qualified.

ALBERT L. SMITH, 795 Booth St.; age 58; railroad clerk. Believed fairly well qualified.

PAUL M. C. KRAUSE, 780 Holton St.; age 43; carpenter and millwright.

TELESFORD B. BOUTIN, 661 Holton St.; age 55; former member of the Life Guards and health officer; now painting contractor; candidate for alderman-at-large in 1912 and 1916.

CHARLES S. SCHIEWITZ, 574 5th St.; age 37; former owner of Plaza hotel, Sixth and State Sts.; member assembly since 1916.

FRED SONNENBERG, 629 1st St.; present incumbent. Socialist candidate.

Eighth District

KRAWCZAK recommended.

FRANK X. KRAWCZAK, 801 7th Ave.; age 27; manager of drug store; pharmacist ten years, except for two years in military service, most of which was spent overseas. Believed fairly qualified and recommended over

JOSEPH MICHALSKI, 894 Windlake Ave.; age 39; present incumbent; former owner of barber shop; now conducts dye works; in board since 1914; lacks aggressiveness in the board; criticised for using his influence excessively in behalf of friends who seek special consideration from the county or its institutions; voting record generally good. Absent 5 out of 86 sessions; missed 44 out of 275 committee meetings.

FRANK A. GORSKI, 709 4th Ave.; age 36; collector, and secretary The Kuryer Polski Co.

JOHN C. JAZDZEWSKI, 697 7th Ave.; age 40; saloonkeeper and printer and linotype operator; candidate for supervisor eight years ago; served in navy four years, much of the time abroad.

ANTHONY KLING, 600 Grant St.; age about 35; railroad conductor.

WALTER POLAKOWSKI, 918 6th Ave. Socialist candidate.

Tenth District

WANTZ recommended.

JOHN WANTZ, 1504 6th St.; age 60; police officer; retired with good record, and now drawing pension. Believed fairly well qualified.

FRED HEATH, 902 Locust St.; present incumbent. Socialist candidate.

Twelfth District

CZERWINSKI recommended.

MARTIN CZERWINSKI, 401 Mitchell St.; age 45; undertaker; present incumbent; in board since 1912. Absent 8 out of 86 sessions; missed 40 out of 152 committee meetings. Good voting record; one of the aggressive and active members of the board. Entitled to re-election on his record.

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CASIMIR KOWALSKI, 102 Lincoln Ave. Socialist candidate.

Fourteenth District

KOZLOWSKI recommended.

LEO F. KOZLOWSKI, 844 23d Ave.; age 35; druggist for twelve years, and now proprietor of two drug stores.

JOHN RUTKOWSKI, 1170 8th Ave. Socialist candidate.

Sixteenth District

JACOBUS recommended.

CHARLES C. JACOBUS, 277 Wisconsin Ave., Wauwatosa; age 57; present incumbent; in board 18 years; building and road contractor. Absent 2 out of 86 sessions; missed 31 out of 328 committee meetings. Has done effective work as chairman of highways committee. Entitled to re-election on his record.

EDWARD H. BAIR, 497 4th Ave., Wauwatosa; age 45; industrial engineer; formerly assistant to superintendent of foundries, Milwaukee road; candidate for alderman, Milwaukee, 1912 and 1914. Believed fairly well qualified.

JOHN J. MALLON, 180 32d St.; age 35; owner of retail cigar stores; former telegraph operator and traveling salesman; member City Safety Commission. Believed fairly well qualified.

EDWARD T. P. CURLEY, 2126 Sycamore St.; age 29; practicing attorney for one year; assistant manager automobile insurance company at Milwaukee; in navy aviation service two years. Believed fairly well qualified.

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Eighteenth District

FOSTER recommended.

ALBERT W. FOSTER, 619 Frederick Ave.; age 40; present incumbent; lawyer, has been active and aggressive, and has good voting record. Absent 1 out of 40 sessions; missed 16 out of 131 committee meetings. Entitled to re-election on his record.

DAVID H. DAVIES, 402 Bradford Ave.; age 50; bond salesman; president of County Board of Administration three years, deputy sheriff two years, state treasury agent seven years, member of Republican County committee eighteen years.

OWEN T. GOSS, 475 Farwell Ave.; age 40; former clerk and timekeeper; at present custodian of Milwaukee-Downer playgrounds.

FRANK L. PRESCOTT, 1281 Frederick Ave.; age 44; engaged in publicity work; member of assembly in 1915 and again in 1921.

The Voters' League is maintained by contributions from public spirited citizens who believe in its work; no subscriptions are accepted from officials or candidates for office.

An independent, non-partisan, voluntary association of citizens, its purpose is to furnish information to those who have neither the time nor the opportunity to obtain for themselves facts concerning candidates necessary to an intelligent selection, and aid in the election of those believed to be best qualified for office.

The league maintains a permanent office. Its field secretary attends meetings of the Common Council, Board of Supervisors and School Board and their committees. The records of members are compiled, arranged and published. Information about candidates is also obtained through personal interviews, and from oral and written statements concerning them from numerous other sources, including references furnished by the candidates. This information is carefully weighed. All recommendations and reports are based upon the deliberate and unanimous judgment of the individuals composing the League. Others who support the League, whether in following its recommendations or in contributing money for its maintenance, or in both ways, have no voice in shaping its policy or formulating its reports and recommendations, hence are neither directly nor indirectly responsible for the same.

As in previous elections, the League sent a questionnaire to candidates requesting information to which every voter is entitled, and which will aid in formulating proper judgments. Where inadequate and ineffective public sentiment has resulted in a lack of strong candidates, the League has endeavored to recommend the best qualified.



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